

**Meeting Minutes
Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition
December 8, 2005 (2PM – 4PM)**

Attending:

Dr. Leickly	Julie Slavens	Lisa Cauldwell
Dr. Hamilton-Byrd	Pat Daniels	Lesley Craft
Linda Stemnock	Janet McCabe	April Thayer
Kristi Rees	Dr. Ganser	Katie Holeman-Shipp
Robin Costley	Sue Percifield	Marti Michel
Sally Shewmaker	Mary Ann Dawson	Tanya Parrish
Marcie L. Memmer	Wendy Michalski	

Welcome

- September minutes were approved
- **Schedule of quarterly meetings for 2006: March 23, June 8, September 14, and December 14. Consensus to continue meeting at ISDH.**
 - Must consider other resources (i.e. teleconference, web conference, etc.) to involve members outside Marion County/Indianapolis. ISDH Asthma Program to research options further.
- Not enough participants present to vote on elections/appointments of InJAC positions
 - There will be a call for nominations
 - Roles and qualifications of positions will be distributed to members
- Dr. Leickly strongly encouraged members to look to a more active and productive year in 2006.
 - Workgroups should meet and work on activities.
 - Seek out partners and resources if InJAC does not have the resources to accomplish all activities.

Update on CDC Site Visit

- Overall good review from the CDC.
- CDC recommended the following:
 - The Burden Report should be updated every 3 years. Utilize other media to disseminate data in a timely manner when available.
 - Diminished focus on work related asthma data collection. Should continue focusing on hospitalization, emergency department, mortality, and BRFSS data.
 - Expand and continue working on partnerships.
 - Focus on statewide surveillance and activities.
 - The State Asthma Plan should be reviewed in 1 year.
 - DO NOT REINVENT THE WHEEL.

Workgroup Updates

Data and Surveillance

Agreed to update the Burden Report in 2007. Will focus on CDC suggested areas of surveillance, including gathering Medicaid data, and other gaps identified by InJAC.

Public Education

Working on putting together a resource guide. Will survey stakeholders to determine what should go in the guide. Discussed World Asthma Day and focusing in another county to schedule activities.

Children and Youth

Chair has not been able to schedule meeting. Will meet after the first of the year. Has worked on Program Goals.

Environmental Quality

Dr. Ritchie still intends to chair the workgroup. Janet McCabe offered to be co-chair. Pat Daniels is working with Dr. Ritchie to schedule meeting.

Health Care Providers

Still determining best way to meet amongst members. Doing a lot of “fact finding” regarding CME and patient/physician survey activities. Will attempt to break down some activities into smaller, manageable pieces.

Other Business

- ISDH is planning to create a semi-annual newsletter that will focus on asthma related issues. InJAC members will be asked to suggest ideas and review content for the newsletter.
- Improving Kids’ Environment (IKE) has partnered with Marion County Public Schools to submit a grant on vehicle idling.
- Loren Robertson, ISDH Assistant Commissioner of Community & Family Health Services, was introduced.

Mentioned Resources

- To learn more about Asthma Awareness Month and events taking place, go to www.epa.gov/iaq/asthma/awm.html. To view the EPA Asthma Awareness Month event planning kit online, go to www.epa.gov/iaq/asthma/partners.html
- Loren Robertson was just in Washington to learn more about the National Children’s Study. For more information on the study, go to www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov/.
- As InJAC members work on surveys, ISDH can have them reviewed by CDC staff at the National Asthma Control Program. Surveys should be sent to Marcie Memmer, who will contact the CDC.

Workgroup Sessions **Meeting Adjourned**

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